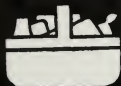


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CONSUMER TIPS > >

(Information from Consumer Division, OPA)

GENERAL CARE AND USE

1. Repair old flashlights if possible.
2. Don't stock up on batteries; they lose power in standing.
3. Notice expiration date on batteries: buy ones dated farthest ahead.
4. Keep flashlight away from sun heat, hot water pipes; heat and moisture destructive to batteries. Keep flashlight in cool, dry place, handy for use.
5. During blackout use flashlight only in curtained room; if outdoors, cover lens with red material; point down.
6. Check occasionally to make sure batteries are working.

BUYING

1. Before buying new flashlight, make sure you have no old one that could be fixed.
2. If you must buy, choose standard type with replaceable inexpensive case, new batteries and bulb.
3. Be sure batteries are fresh. Check date on them.
4. Avoid novelty or freak flashlights (in pencils, compacts, etc.); batteries hard to replace, not practical.
5. Small flashlights which use one or two regular-size batteries are better than large powerful ones; large lights waste defense materials, cost more in batteries and repair, may shine too brightly for safe blackout.
6. Most practical flashlight combines floodlight with focusing device for direct beam. Of the two, flood-light most useful in home.

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